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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed from the USPTO on August 2, 2006 setting forth a three month period for response thereby making the due date November 2, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time for One Month is included herewith together with the petition fee thereby extending the due date to December 2, 2006. It is believed that no additional fees are necessary. However, if any additional fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.